Capacity addition in 1999-2000 is 220 MWe by Kaiga Atomic Power Station Unit-2 (220 MWe) from 16-03-2000. Capacity addition in 2000-01 is 660 MWe, by Rajasthan Atomic Power Station Unit-3 (220 MWe) from 01-06-2000, Kaiga Atomic Power Station Unit-1 (220 MWe) from 16-11-2000 and Rajasthan Atomic Power Station Unit-4 (220 MWe) from 23-12-2000.

(b) The likely addition to the Nuclear Power Capacity during the Tenth Five Year Plan beginning 2002-2003 is 1220 MWe, from the expected commencement of commercial operation of Tarapur Atomic Power Project Unit-4 (1x500 MWe) in the year 2005-06 and Tarapur Atomic Power Project Unit-3 (1 x500 MWe) and Kaiga Atomic Power Project Unit-3 (1 x220 MWe) in the year 2006-07. Besides the above, Kaiga Atomic Power Project Unit-4 (220 MWe) is expected to commence commercial operation in the first year of the eleventh plan (2007-08).

(c) The Tenth Plan proposals which include continuing projects from Ninth Plan as well as new projects to be commenced during Tenth Plan are yet to be finalised. Both the schemes as mentioned in (b) above are continuing from Ninth Five Year Plan. The estimated outlays for these schemes of Tarapur Atomic Power Project Units-3&4 (2x500 MWe) and Kaiga Atomic Power Project Units-3&4 (2x220 MWe) in the Tenth Plan is Rs.7300 crore. The above is exclusive of the outlays required for the new schemes being included in the Tenth Plan proposals which will yield benefits beyond the Tenth Plan.

(d) Out of the total estimated outlay of Rs.7300 crore in the Tenth Plan for the above referred schemes of Tarapur Atomic Power Project Units-3&4 and Kaiga Atomic Power Project Units 3&4, an amount of about Rs. 3000 crore is being proposed to be met from the Government Budgetary Support in the form of equity and the remaining outlay from Internal and Extra Budgetary Resources (IEBR) of NPCIL.

Suspension of operation of Vashi Unit of DAE

468. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH "SURYA": Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an important unit of DAE at Vashi has been directed to suspend its operation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether responsibility in this lapse has been fixed; and

(d) by when it is expected to start again?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The suspension of operation of the demonstration plant for radiation processing of spices at Vashi was due to some procedural lapses observed by the inspection team of Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) during their visit to the facility on 26 June, 2001.

(c) the procedural lapses were of a technical nature including the unsatisfactory performance of a component of an Audio-Alarm system, and not due to any human error. Adequate remedial measures have been taken to the satisfaction of the AERB inspection team.

(d) the plant has started functioning normally with effect from 17-7-2001.

Gene modified food items in Indian Market

469. DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS. FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the news-item published in "Navbharat Times" dated 20th June, under the caption "Gene Sanshodhit Khadya Padarthon kee Bhartiya Bazar Main Avaidh Ghuspaith Se Chinta'; and

(b) what arc the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a)Yes, Sir.

(b) The Genetic Engineering Approval Committee (GEAC) set up under the Rule 4 of the Rules for the Manufacture. Use, Import, Export and Storage of Hazardous Micro-organisms/Genetically Engineered Organisms or Cells 1989, under the environment (Protection) Act, 1986 has not accorded approval for import of any genetically modified food in the country.

Amendment in Sugar Development Board Rules

470. SHRI RS. GAVAI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Sugar Development Board